# Shelter Monitoring Committee

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# **Overview of the Shelter Monitoring Committee (SMC)**

- The Shelter Monitoring Committee (SMC) is scheduled to sunset on 7/1/2022.
- We are seeking Board approval to extend the Committee's mandate through 7/1/2027.
- Legislation was developed in collaboration with and is supported by Committee Members.

#### **Overview of the Shelter Monitoring Committee**

- SMC established in 2004 to give government agencies and the general public information about city-funded shelters.
- SMC monitors sites to verify that they are meeting 32 Standards of Care. This is done by making announced and unannounced visits, as well as by investigating complaints.
- SMC recommends training, as well as safety, health and other protocol changes, to ensure that clients are treated equally, with dignity and respect.

## Shelter Monitoring Committee - Extension

- In 2020, due to COVID, SMC was dormant for several months. The Board of Supervisors extended the Committee's sunset date from 12/31/20 to July 1, 2022. At this time, we are seeking another extension: to July 1, 2027.
- The Committee has been holding regular public meetings. DPH asked volunteers to hold off on any visits to keep them and shelter guests safe; however, staff (two DPH employees) have been doing inspections, taking complaints, and conducting investigations.
- Volunteers were recently given the okay to return to doing onsite inspections.
- Some changes to the 32 Standards of Care have been tentatively approved by the Committee.
- HSH is interested in having Navigation Centers monitored. Plans are being formulated to accomplish this.

### **Status of SMC Members**

| Seat | SMC Member      | Status   | Start date | End date | Appointing<br>Authority |
|------|-----------------|--|------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 1    | Vacant          | Must have experience being unhoused with a child | N/A        | 1-Jul-23 | BOS                     |
| 2    | Cris Plunkett   | Active   | 21-Sep-21  | 1-Jul-22 | BOS                     |
| 3    | Gabriela Avalos | Active   | 21-Sep-21  | 1-Jul-23 | BOS                     |
| 4    | Diana Almanza   | Active   | 21-Sep-21  | 1-Jul-22 | BOS                     |
| 5    | Vacant          | Application under review (Juaquin Remora)        | N/A        | 1-Jul-23 | BOS                     |
| 6    | Traci Watson    | Active   | 21-Sep-21  | 1-Jul-22 | BOS                     |
| 7    | Jonathan Adler  | Active   | 1-Jul-21   | 1-Jul-23 | LHCB                    |
| 8    | Steven Clark    | Active   | 2-Aug-21   | 1-Jul-22 | LHCB                    |
| 9    | Vacant          | Application under review (Kaleese Street)        | N/A        | 1-Jul-23 | LHCB                    |
| 10   | Vacant          | Application under review (Melanie Muasau)        | N/A        | 1-Jul-24 | LHCB                    |
| 11   | Lisa Rachowicz  | Active HSH Seat                                  | 1-Jul-21   | 1-Jul-23 | Mayor                   |
| 12   | Tomiko Eya      | Active DPH Seat                                  | 1-Jul-21   | 1-Jul-22 | Mayor                   |
| 13   | Vacancy         | Application under review (Belinda Dobbs)         | N/A        | 1-Jul-23 | Mayor                   |